

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

No claims are being cancelled or amended in this response. The pending claims are presented below for the convenience of the Examiner.

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) A system for interconnection of software components for at least one data processing application, comprising:

a storage unit to store components surrounded by a container, the components having at least one interface intended for interconnection of the components by an interconnection component, the interconnection component, and not the container, containing information required for interconnection of the components.

12. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the components locally provide interconnection information containing interconnection intelligence required for the interconnection of the components.

13. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the components are ActiveX components.

14. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the components are input and output components.

15. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the interconnection component is intended for the components to be interconnected to search for matching interfaces.

16. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the components are intended for multiple interconnections with further components.

17. (previously presented) A method for interconnection of software components for at least one data processing application, comprising

storing components interconnected via at least one interface and surrounded by a container that does not include information to interconnect the components; and

interconnecting the components using an interconnection component included in the container and containing information required for interconnection of the components.

18. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the components locally provide interconnection information containing interconnection intelligence required for the interconnection of the components.

19. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the components are ActiveX components.

20. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the components are input and output components.

21. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the interconnection component searches for matching interfaces from components to be interconnected.

22. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the components are used for multiple interconnections with further components.

23. (previously presented) At least one computer-readable medium storing at least one data processing application, comprising:

components surrounded by a container, the components having at least one interface intended for interconnection of the components by an interconnection component, the interconnection component, and not the container, containing information required for interconnection of the components.

24. (previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 23, wherein the components locally provide interconnection information containing interconnection intelligence required for the interconnection of the components.

25. (previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 23, wherein the components are ActiveX components.

26. (previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 25, wherein the components are input and output components.

27. (previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 23, wherein the interconnection component searches for matching interfaces from components to be interconnected.

28. (previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 23, wherein the components are used for multiple interconnections with further components.